Samrat, Hotel Kanishka—New Delhi, Hotel Airport Ashok—Calcutta, and Hotel Ashok—Bangalore.

This agreement came into effect from 1-3-86 for an initial period of two years.

The membership fee is 3000 Pound Starling for each unit i.e. 15000 Pound Sterling for the hotels under contract. Commission of 6 per cent on. this gross applicable room tariff on all reservations made at the hotel through Trusthouse Forte. The minimum commission payable to THF shall be 1500 Pound Sterling (viz. 7500 Pound Sterling per annum for the five hotels) per annum per hotel.

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Rupees in lakhs)

Period	Room nights	Bed nights	Estimated revenue Beverage	Estimated Food & revenue	Total revenue (Esti mated)
Cdner Hotel Representatives					
April 1986 to March 1987	727	978	4-35	2.18	6.53
Golden Tulip Worldwide Hotel :					
April 1986 to March 1987	3188	4184	1638	7-19	23.57
Trusthouse Forte :					
August 1986 to March 1987	618	694	4.48	2.24	6.72

State honour for cremation of freedom fighters

1036. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the freedom fighters of Swatantrata Senani Sadan, New Delhi have been cremated without State honour;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government for befitting cremation of the freedom fighters of Swatantrata Senani Sadan, New Delhi with full State honour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c) The question of according State funeral to the freedom fighters was considered in the past but it was not found possible to agree to the same. However, a freedom fighter who dies in the Freedom Fighterts Home, New Delhi is cremated in the presence of senior officers of Delhi Administration which is running the Home, with due honour. Friends and relatives of the deceased freedom fighters also attend the cremations.

Purchase of Type-23 Frigates from Britain by Pakistan

1037. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware - of the recent purchase by Pakistan of three Type-23 frigates, the most advanced submarine hunters, from Britain;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether Government have taken up this matter with the U.K. Government and if so, what has been their response?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) During Prime Minister Junejo's recent visit to the UK the purchase of type 23 frigates by Pakistan was considered, but the deal was neither announced nor signed. It is believed to be still under negotiation. Government are monitoring all such developments which have a bearing on the country's security.

Export of Iron ore

1038. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE, be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of iron ore exported to Japan during the years 1984-85 and 1985-86;

(b) the percentage of iron ore exported from Bailadila to Japan during 1984-85 and 1985-86 out of the total export;

(c) the quantum of steel imported from Japan during the above period;

(d) whether Japan is the only country imported iron ore from India; and

(e) if not, what are the names of the other countries importing iron ore
India?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) The quantum of iron ore (excluding iron ore concentrates) exported to Japan during 1984-85 and 1985-86 was 16.596 million tonnes and 18.469 million tonnes respectively.

(b) The percentage of iron ore exported from Bailadila to Japan during 1984-85 and 1985-86 was 33.07 per cent and 29.57 per cent respectively.

(c) During 1984-85, 510,000 tonnes of steel was imported from Japan. Statistics for 1985-86 have not been compiled so far.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Besides Japan, other countries importing iron ore from India are Romania, S. Korea, Taiwan, Italy, DPRK, China, GDR, Bulgaria, Pakistan, Czechoslovakia, etc.

Import and Export of Sugar

1039. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of sugar imported from different countries during the last financial year and also the quantum exported during the same period;

(b) the price of sugar per metric tonne in the country and the rate at which it was sold in foreign countries; and

(c) the amount of money spent in the purchase of sugar and the amount of foreign exchange earned through the export of sugar during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R.DAS MUNSHI): (a) As per provisional estimates, the import of r during 1986-87 was of the order of 8 lakh tonnes from various sources. The quantity of sugar exported during this period was 0.34 lakh tonnes.

(b) The retail price of levy sugar distributed through fair price shops was Rs. 4.80 per Kg. from 1-12-1985 to 14-12,1986 and Rs. 4.85 per Kg. from 15-12-86 onwards. The free sale price of sugar fluctuates from day to day and varies from place to place.

The average price of sugar sold in foreign countries during 1986-87 was Rs. 5463 per metric tonne (FOB).